STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the Reply given on the 20th December, on 1999 to Starred Question 309 Regarding Anti Dumping Duties Investigations

श्री बालकवि बैरागी (मध्य प्रदेश) : सभापति महोदय, मैं भी एक सवाल पूछना चाहता हूं। यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है।

श्री सभापति : आप सवाल लिखकर भेज दीजिए।

श्री एम. वेंकैया नायडु (कर्णाटक): यह सवाल रीडर का है लीडर का नहीं है।

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI (Karnataka) : Sir, we have given notice of a Short Duration Discussion on Bihar... *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, statement by Minister correcting answer to question. Shri Omar Abdullah.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Custom Tariff Identification Assessment and Collection of anti-dumping duty on dumped articles for determination of injury Rules, 1995 empowers the Central Government to impose anti-dumping duties. The designated authority appointed by the Government in accordance with these rules investigate the existence, degree and effect of the alleged dumping in relation to import of any article. The authority *inter-alia* is required to submit its findings, provisional or otherwise, to the Central Government and to recommend the amount of anti-dumping duty which, if levied, would be adequate to remove the injury to the domestic industry, and the date of commencement of such duties. The Central Government, i.e., the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance may impose by notification in the Official Gazette duties as recommended by the designated authority. The correction, therefore, to include the word 'recommended' is to satisfy the recommendation of the designated authority. I would like to seek to clarify that in two of the cases, the recommendation of the designated authority was not fully accepted by the Central Government. In the newsprint case, the Central Government decided not to levy the duties recommended. In the MATCO case, the Central Government did not accept the minimum duty recommended along with the reference price.

These two corrections will also be indicated. The reply needs to be changed in view of the above explanation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1505/00]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. I. **Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Artificial Limbs manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur and related papers.**

II. **Report and Accounts (1998-99) of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New Delhi and related papers.**

III. **Report and Accounts (1998-99) of the National SC and ST Finance Development Corporation, New Delhi and related papers.**

IV. **Report and Accounts (1998-99) of the National Institute for Orthopaedically handicapped, Calcutta and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJGOPAL) ON BEHALF OF (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): Sir I lay on the Table—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(I) (a) Twenty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Kanpur, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1333/00]

(II) (a) Fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, New